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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Atomic/Biological/Chemical Division, OSI

ATTENTION: [REDACTED]

FROM: Chief, CIA/PID(NPIC)

SUBJECT: Blimp Facilities at Volsk A/F, USSR

REFERENCES: Requirement No. OSI/R-124/63
CIA Project No. C 540-63

1. This memorandum is in response to a request for a description of the changes at the Volsk A/F Balloon Facility.

2. An expansion program appears to be underway at the facility. In addition to the new buildings which have been erected in close proximity to the blimp retaining areas, there has been construction at a new area approximately 1.25 nautical miles (nm) west of the main facility. A large new building in this area has a direct road connection with an "L" shaped building in the main blimp facility. No security precautions are observable around the new area.

3. The following is a chronological listing and explanation of the changes at the Volsk Blimp Facility since [REDACTED]

A. Changes observed between mission [REDACTED]

Figures 1 and 5.

(1) Construction began on a large "L" shaped building on the northern side of the blimp area.

(2) Construction was begun on the road to connect the "L" shaped building to a building which was to be built approximately 1.25 nm to the west.

(3) On the south side of the road nearly opposite the "L" shaped building a second building was constructed.

(4) Construction began within a large rectangular area located between the large high-walled blimp retainer and the small high-walled blimp retainer.

(5) A small structure was built in the rear section of the high-walled blimp retainer.

(6) Enlargement of the west end of the Volsk sod runway began.

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25X1 B. Changes observed as having taken place between mission [REDACTED] Figures 2 and 5.

(1) Construction of the "L" shaped building appeared to be complete.

(2) The road connecting the "L" shaped building with the new area to the west also appeared to be complete.

25X1 C. Changes observed as having taken place between [REDACTED] Figures 3 and 5.

(1) A new building was constructed in the rectangular area between the blimp retainers.

(2) A new ground scar was made north of the large blimp retainer.

(3) The building in the new area 1.25 nm west of the blimp facility was completed.

25X1 D. Changes observed as having taken place between [REDACTED] Figures 4 and 5.

(1) Three additional buildings appear to be under construction in the rectangular area between the blimp facility.

(2) The area shows continuing activity but no further changes can be observed.

25X1 4. The photo analysts on this project are [REDACTED] They may be contacted on extension [REDACTED] should you have further questions regarding this project. 25X1

5. This memorandum and attachments complete the referenced requirement and the project is considered complete.

Attachments:

NPIC-H-2731 thru NPIC H-2735

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